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Dear Chairman Jore and Members of the House Education Committee,

I would like to apologize for the presentation of my testimony during the hearing on House Joint Resolution 55. It was not my intention to disrespect the decorum of the committee or the chair, and I feel as though that I may have crossed that line. I am a young, passionate representative of the students, and I care deeply about representing those students well. Like the other student lobbyists, I was deeply offended by the perceived insult to the intelligence and integrity of the students in that piece of legislation. I let my emotions and my passion for the students get the best of me, and forgot myself while testifying. I am deeply sorry for any disrespect that I may have shown to the chair or the committee. Please do not let my passionate presentation undermine the important message that I was trying to convey.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank you all; it has truly been a privilege to work with the House Education Committee during this historic legislative session. Though many of us didn't always agree, I feel as though we all had the same goal in mind, and that was doing what is best for the students of Montana. On behalf of the students of MSU-Billings, MSU-Great Falls COT, and MSU-Northern, I proudly express our gratitude and appreciation for your hard work during this session.

Sincerely,

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